

To whom it may concern,  
I would like to comment about the effort underway, HR 4026, to limit the localized content of my satellite radio provider, XM Radio. This is disturbing because, to me, this is an attempt to restrict the breadth and depth of content that is provided on a \*private\* subscription service. The richness of programming offered by satellite radio reaches vastly beyond the bland monotony and redundancy provided by the advertiser-driven model used by commercial broadcast AM and FM radio stations. Since my satellite radio provider uses a subscription model, which is funded in a large part by private membership, without exception it should be a matter of course that shareholders and members of the subscriber community guide the decisions pertaining to content.

Although I rarely take the time to state my opinion, I felt it important in this instance because I cherish the diversity of content provided by my provider and I want to see that grow rather than be erode. This affects my quality of life, it has the potential to limit that which I am inspired by and that which I learn by. In the markets where I have lived, I have seen the significant erosion and loss of jazz, classical, ethnic/non-English programming, and other types of diverse content. What we have now are dozens of stations that compete with each other by being as similar as possible in content and format. Satellite radio is vastly superior in content. Only public radio can effectively compete in terms of diversity of content. It is very important that the subscriber community drive the decisions related to content of my subscription service provider, not a group that is devoted to AM and FM broadcast content.

Sincerely,

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